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SUBJECT: CSCE/CBM'S: WHAT DO WE SHOW CSCE OBSERVERS

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1. FOLLOWING INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS WITH FRG AND
OTHER INTERESTED POLADS, US REP RAISED AT AUGUST 10
POLADS MEETING QUESTION OF WHAT ALLIES SHOULD SHOW
CSCE OBSERVERS. HE NOTED NEED TO MAKE CBM
IMPLEMENTATION AS PRODUCTIVE AS POSSIBLE IN LIGHT
OF BELGRADE, AND THAT, AS CANADIAN REP MENTIONED
EARLIER IN MEETING, WARSAW PACT OBSERVERS MIGHT
ACCEPT INVITATION TO ALLIED MANOEUVRES THIS FALL.
US REP CIRCULATED AGAIN A PAPER WE PROVIDED TO POLADS
IN OCTOBER 1976, WHICH INCLUDED OBSERVATIONS AND
RECOMMENDATIONS IN PARAS 5-8 AND PARA 13 OF REF B.
POLADS WELCOMED DISCUSSION OF THIS ISSUE AND SUGGESTED
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FURTHER EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AMONG ALLIED REPS MOST
DIRECTLY CONCERNED.

2. US, FRG, DANISH, AND NETHERLANDS POLADS MET
WITH IMS REPS AUGUST 11 TO CONTINUE DISCUSSION. AT
NETHERLANDS REPS SUGGESTION, GROUP AGREED TO HOLD
AN OPEN ENDED INFORMAL POLADS MEETING ON THIS SUBJECT

AUGUST 24 (EARLIER DATES WERE INCONVENIENT FOR INTERESTED DELS) TO SHARE EXPERIENCE AND SUGGESTIONS ON HANDLING OF CSCE OBSERVERS. NETHERLANDS, DANISH AND FRG POLADS LATER CONFIRMED THEIR AUTHORITIES WOULD SEND EXPERTS CONCERNED WITH HANDLING OF OBSERVERS TO THIS MEETING.

3. IN ADDITION TO POINTS IN REF B, WHICH US REP REVIEWED IN DETAIL, FRG POLAD, WHO ACCOMPANIED CSCE OBSERVERS TO GROSSER BAER AND LARES TEAM LAST FALL, SUGGESTED THAT FOLLOWING POINTS MIGHT ALSO BE CONSIDERED:

-- TRANSPORTATION FOR CSCE OBSERVERS SHOULD BE FASTEST AVAILABLE SO THAT THEY DO NOT SPEND MOST OF THEIR VISIT IN BUSES.

-- NOT ONLY ESCORT AND BRIEFING OFFICERS, BUT ALSO OFFICERS IN THE FIELD WITH WHOM CSCE OBSERVERS MIGHT HAVE CONTACT SHOULD BE MADE AWARE OF BASIC FINAL ACT PROVISIONS ON CBM'S, APPROACH OF BELGRADE CONFERENCE, AND FACT THAT CSCE OBSERVERS MAY INCLUDE NEUTRAL AND NONALIGNED AND WARSAW PACT OFFICIALS.

-- IT WOULD BE BEST NOT TO INITIATE DISCUSSION OF SIMULATED CW OR NUCLEAR USE WITH OBSERVERS.

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-- QUESTION PERIODS SHOULD BE OFFERED BUT SHOULD BE SHORT.

4. RECALLING THAT POLADS EARLIER DECIDED AGAINST ATTEMPTING TO DEVELOP STANDARD PROCEDURES FOR ALLIED HANDLING OF CBM'S OBSERVERS, REPS NOTED THAT PURPOSE OF POLADS DISCUSSION AND INFORMAL MEETING WOULD BE TO DEVELOP INFORMATION AND SUGGESTIONS ON WHICH THOSE RESPONSIBLE FOR OBSERVERS COULD DRAW AS APPROPRIATE.

5. COMMENT: WE WOULD WELCOME ATTENDANCE BY CBM'S EXPERT FROM EUCOM J3 EXERCISE DIVISION AT INFORMAL POLADS DISCUSSION OF THIS SUBJECT AUGUST 24. GLITMAN

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